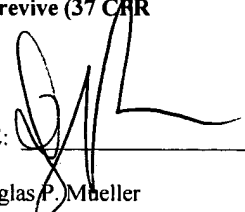


FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 10-94)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 10873.1854USWO
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) Unknown <b>10/566483</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/012602	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 August 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 29 August 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION ABSORBENT RESIN PARTICLE, AND ABSORBER AND ABSORBENT ARTICLE EMPLOYING THE SAME			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US SAITO, et al.			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A signed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>			
<b>Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:</b>			
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form 1449, references.			
12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.			
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.			
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.			
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.			
16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Application Data Sheet, Communication Regarding Requested Figure, Marked-up Specification International Publication Page, Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/ISA/237, Form PCT/IB/304, Form PCT/IB/308			

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[X] a) Basic National fee.....				\$300.00	\$300.00
[X] b) Examination fee.....				\$200.00	\$200.00
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<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$1000.00	
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Total claims	13 -20 =	0	X \$50.00	\$0.00	
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Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27				\$	
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Sir:

The following papers are transmitted herewith:

- ☒ Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.10;
- ☒ National Stage Patent Application including: Description - 80 pages; Claims - 3 pages; Abstract - 1 page; Drawings - 1 sheets (formal);
- ☒ Signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to SAN-DIA POLYMERS, LTD., Recordation Form Cover Sheet, a check for \$40.00 to cover the Assignment Recording Fee.
- ☒ Application Data Sheet - 4 pages;
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## CLAIMS AS FILED

Number of Claims Filed	No.	In Excess of	Extra	Rate	Fee
<b>Total Claims</b>	13	20	0	50.00 =	0.00
<b>Independent Claims</b>	2	3	0	200.00 =	0.00
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims Fee</b>				=	0.00
<b>Basic Filing Fee</b>				=	300.00
<b>Search Fee</b>				=	500.00
<b>Examination Fee</b>				=	200.00
<b>Utility Application Size Fee</b>	85	100	0	250.00 =	0.00
<b>Total</b>				=	1000.00

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests that Figure 1 be printed on the front page of the published application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455.3804.

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